

Iowa **CORE** Curriculum



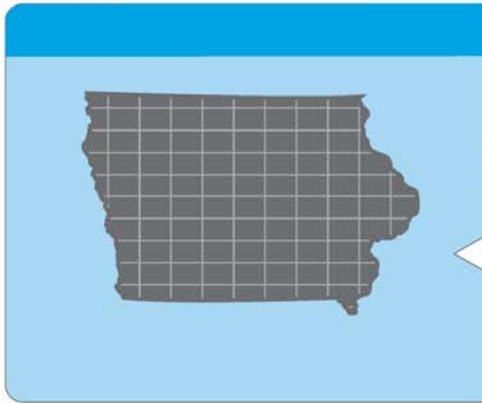
School Administrators of Iowa
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One Historic Step, Together

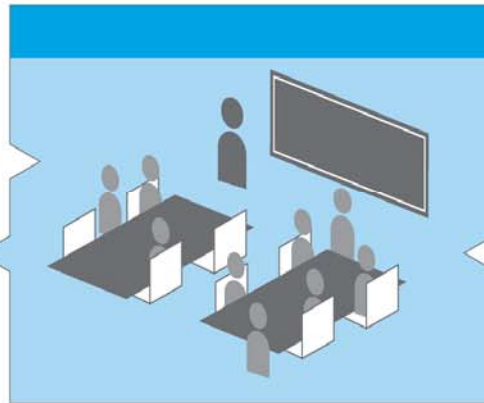
- **Set High Expectations**
 - For Students
 - For Teachers
 - For Leaders



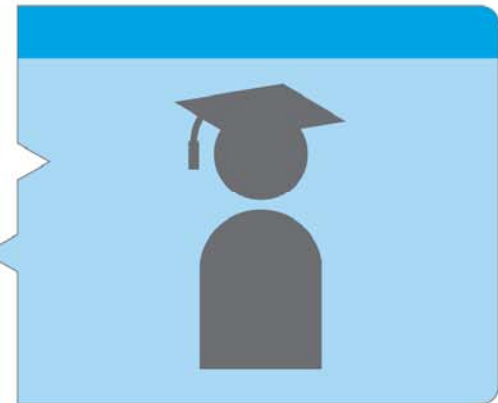
Charting a New Course



STANDARDS
AND BENCHMARKS



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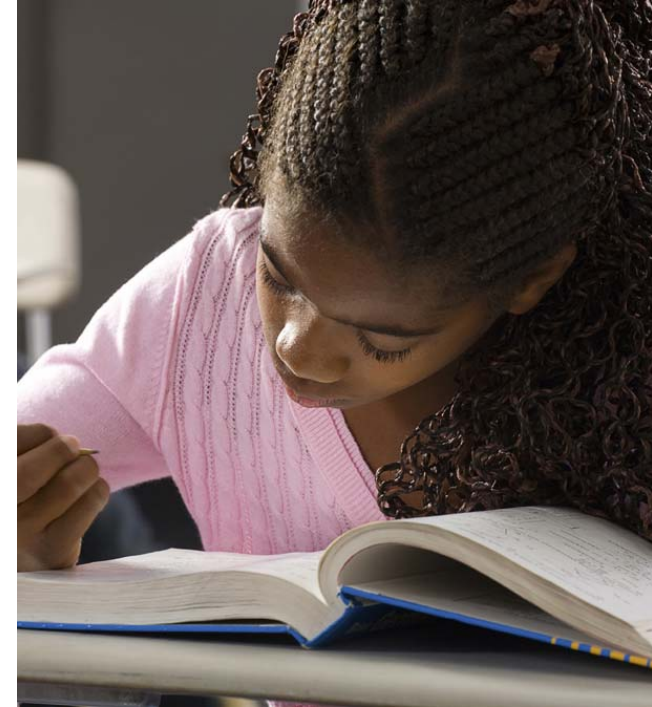
STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT

Foundations of Improvement

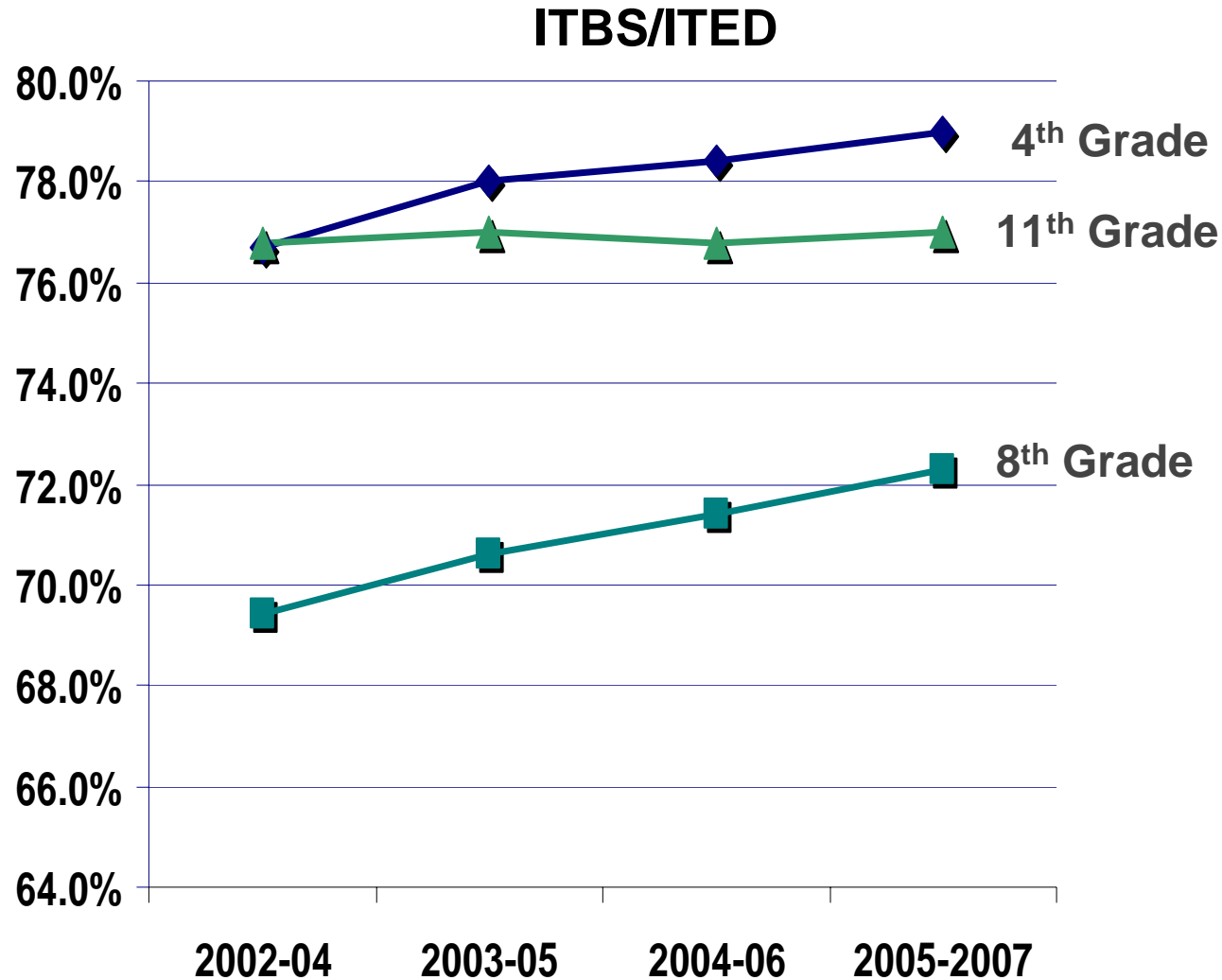
- **Teacher Quality Legislation**
- **Learning Supports**
- **Leadership Standards**
- **Instructional Decision-making**
- **Iowa's Professional Development Model**
- **Collaborative Organizational Structures**

High Performing Schools

- **Shared Mission and Goals**
- **Orderly Climate**
- **Support for Teacher Influence**
- **Structure with Clear Student Goals and Strong Classroom Management**
- **Academic Press for Achievement**

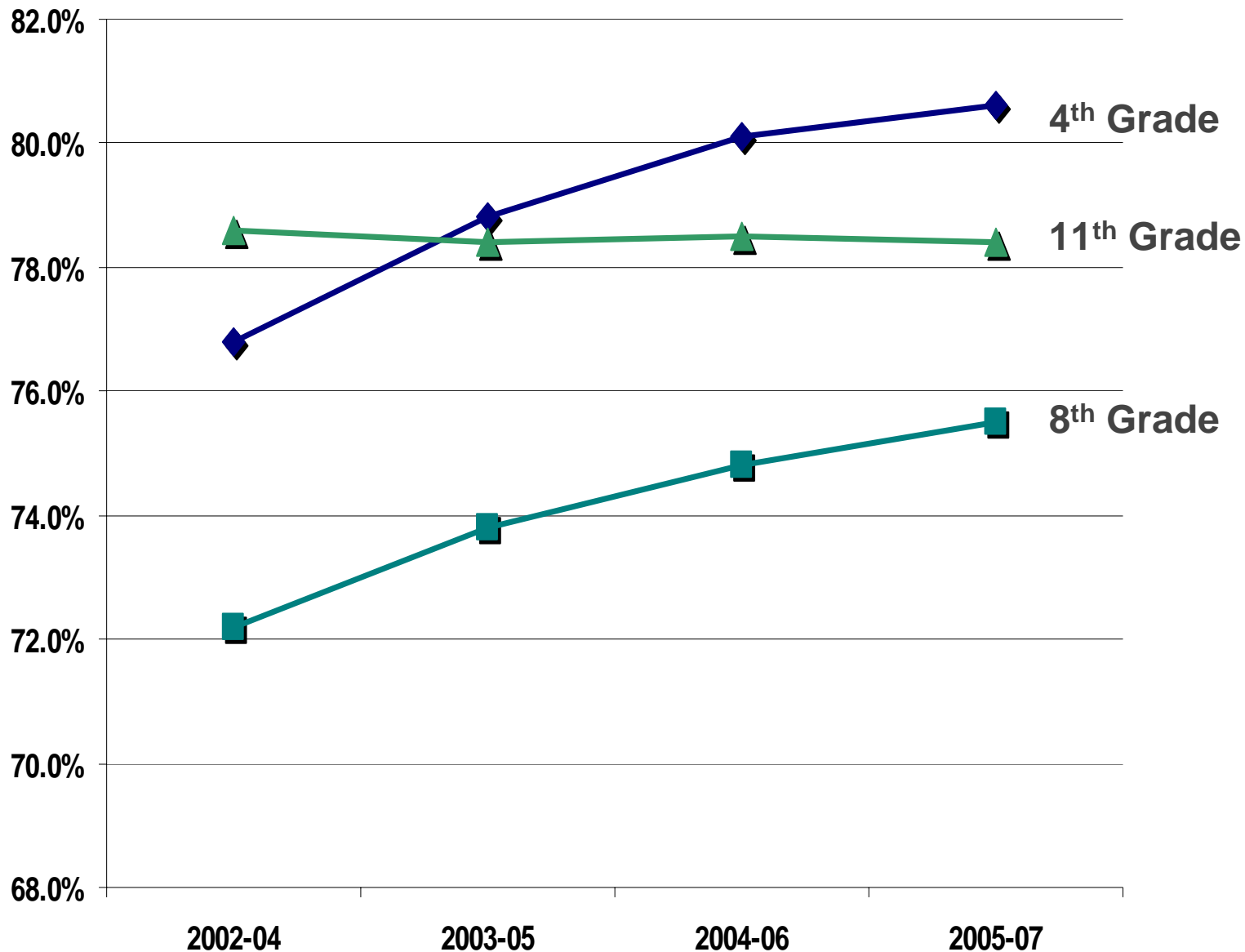


Reading Trends



Math Trends

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Challenges

- Engage Teachers
- Motivating, Engaging Classroom Environments
- Students with Individual Learning Styles



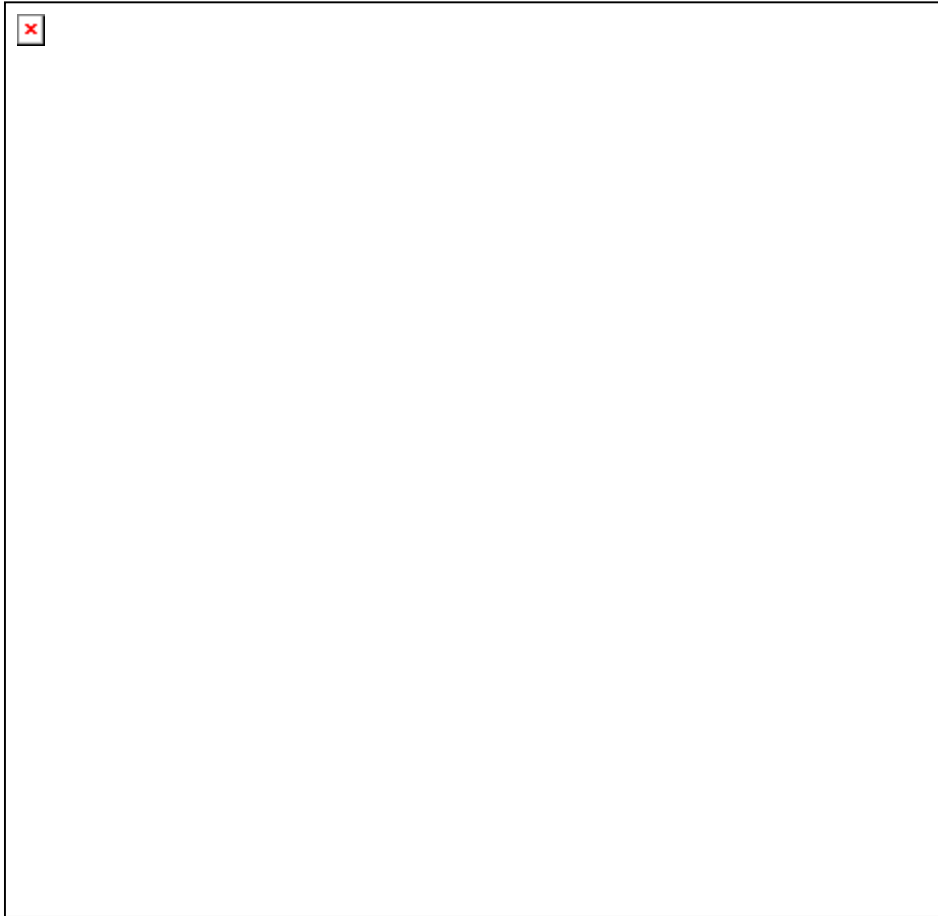
Challenges – Global, Local

- Iowa's fastest growing occupation is computer software engineer.
- About 54 percent of all occupations in the state require post-secondary education.
- The state's Hispanic population grew by 153 percent between 1990 and 2000.
- By 2010 Iowa will have 150,000 more jobs than employees.
- Representatives from business say they seek employees with 21st century skills.



“Iowa students will become productive citizens in a democratic society, and successful participants in a global community.”

Implementation



Communities, Schools

- Working together

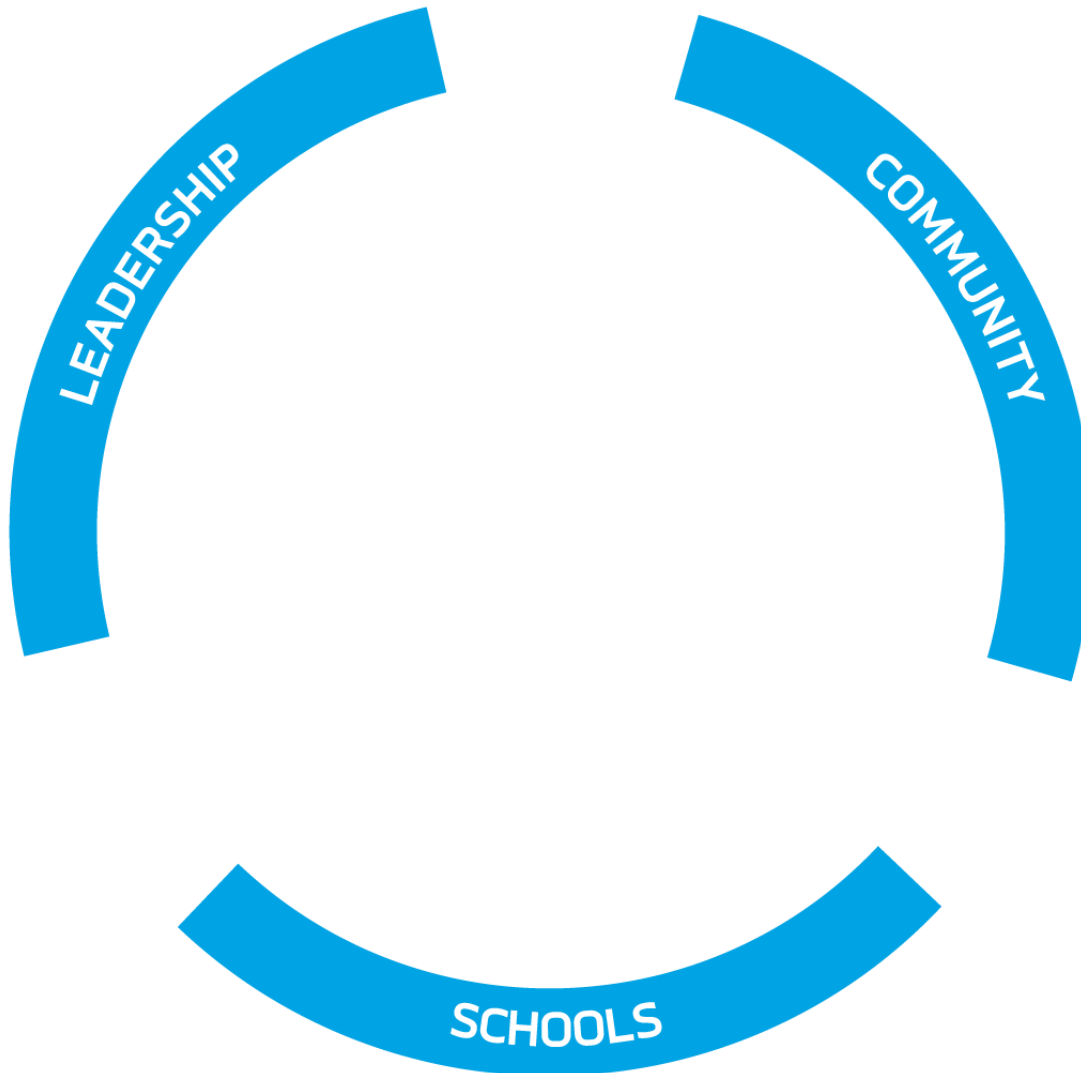
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Communities, Schools

- Working together
- Common Goal

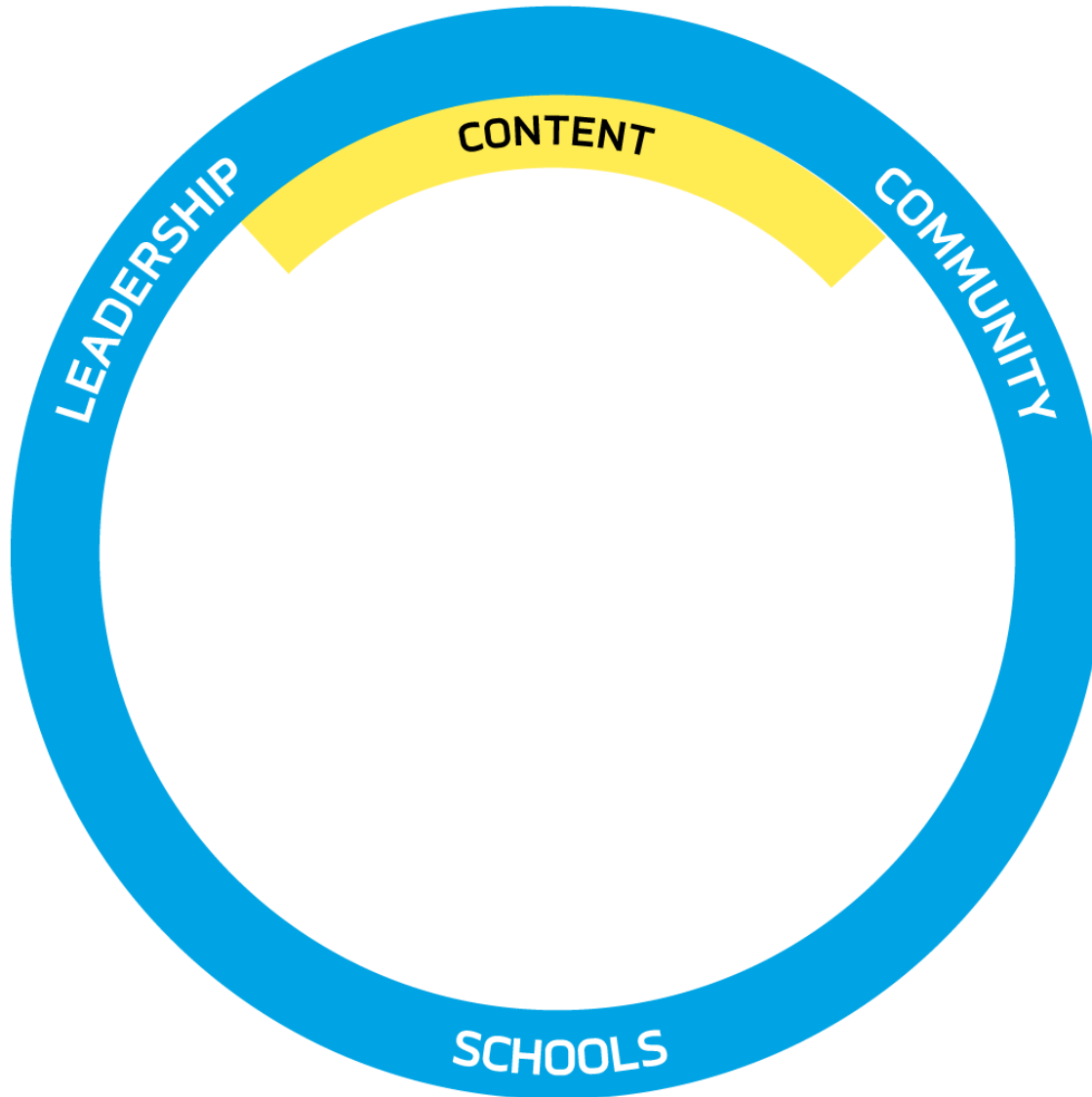
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Leadership

- School leaders must maintain an unrelenting focus on improving instruction, but also organizational structures and supports.

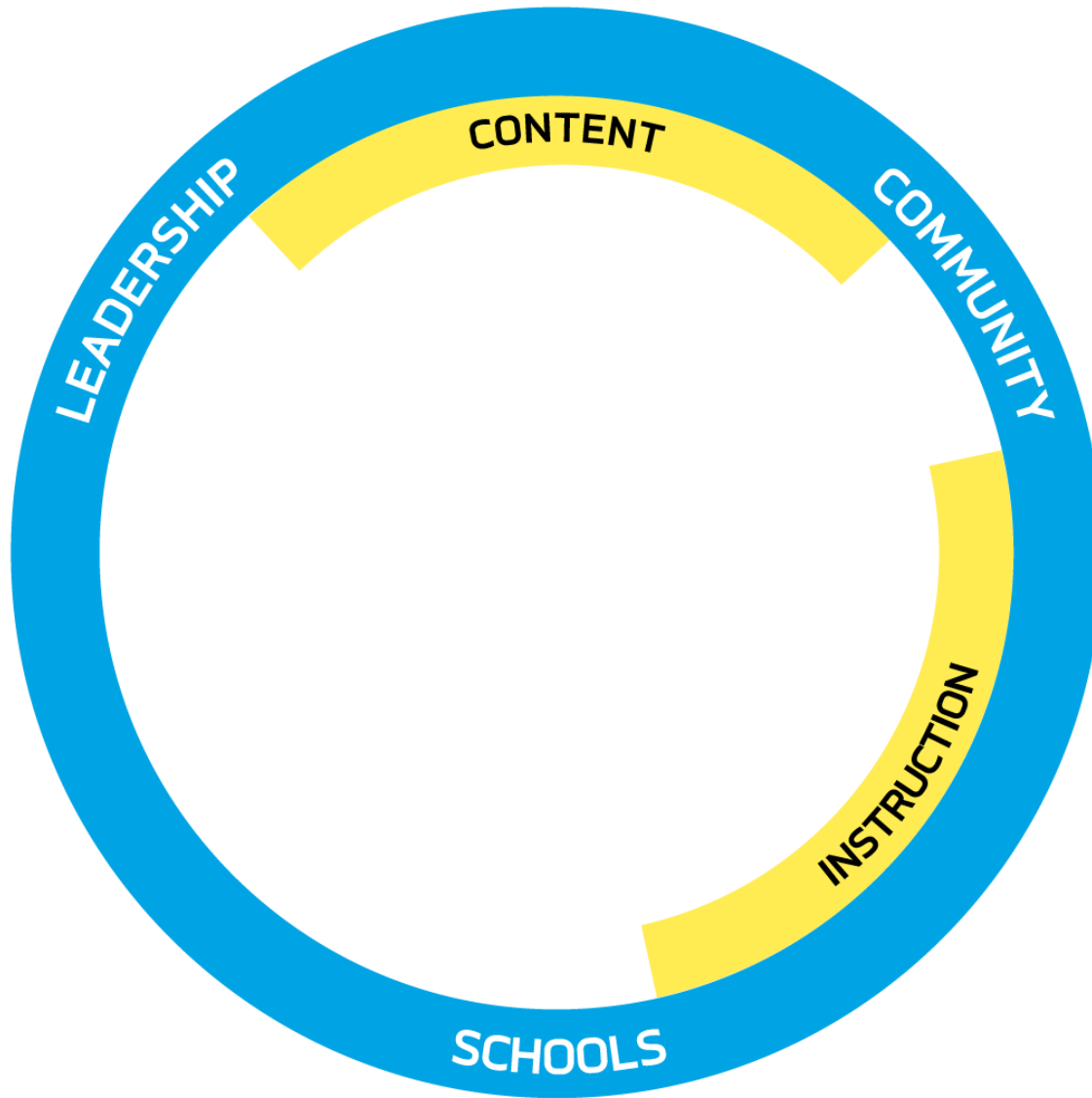
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Content

- Professional development and instructional supports for teachers, provided by leadership, are critical to student achievement.

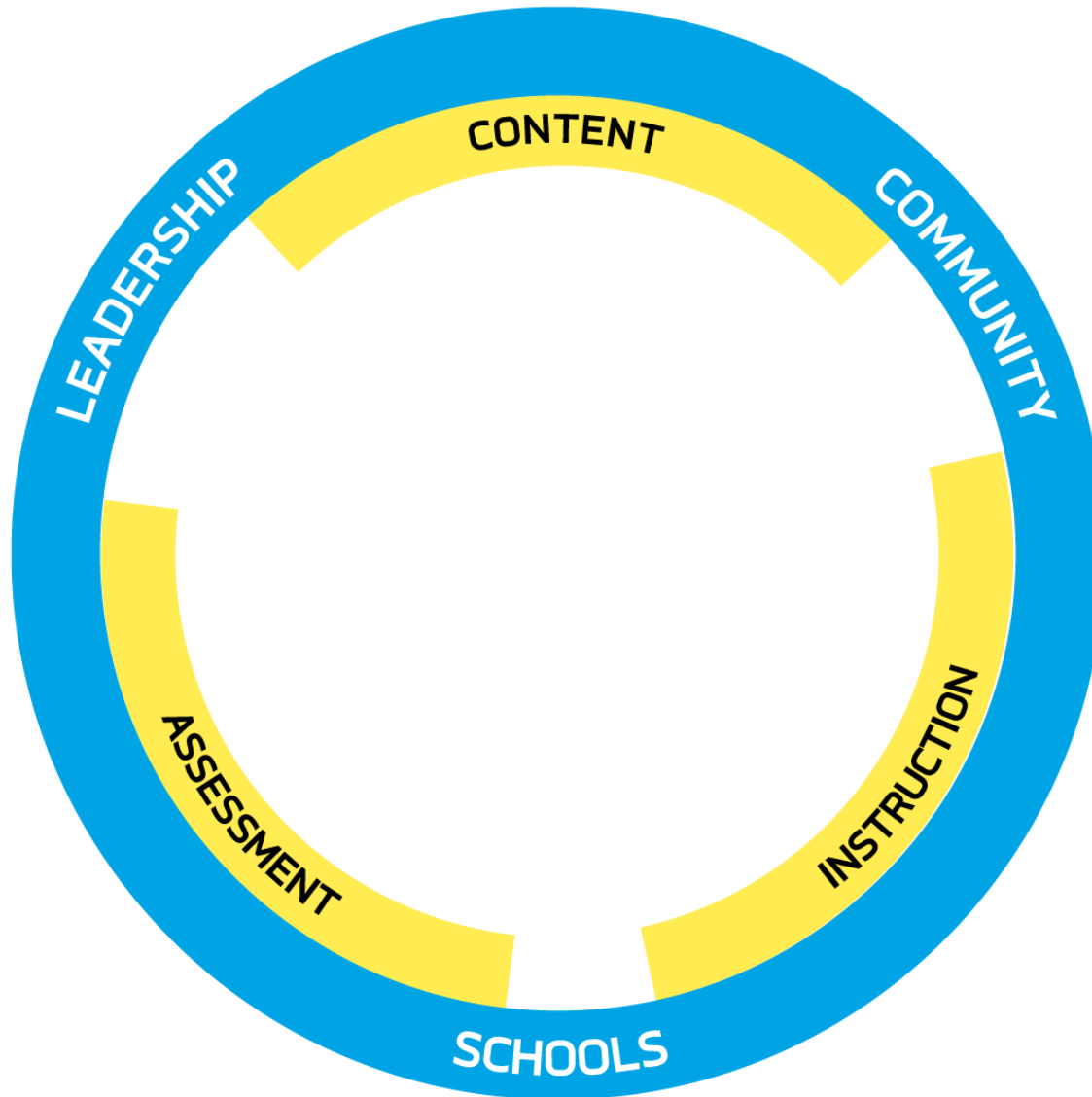
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Instruction

- Leaders must make sustainability of effective instruction a priority.

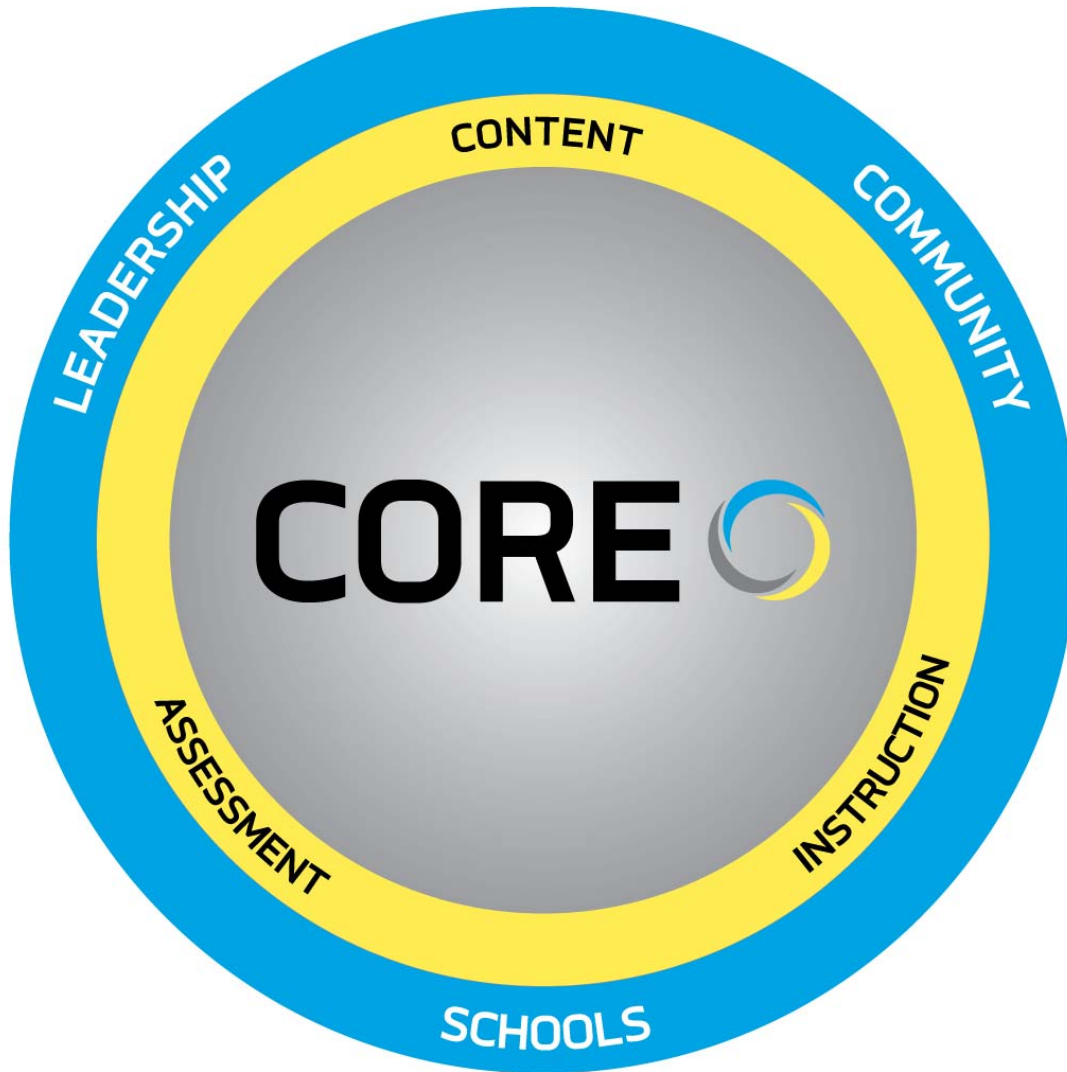
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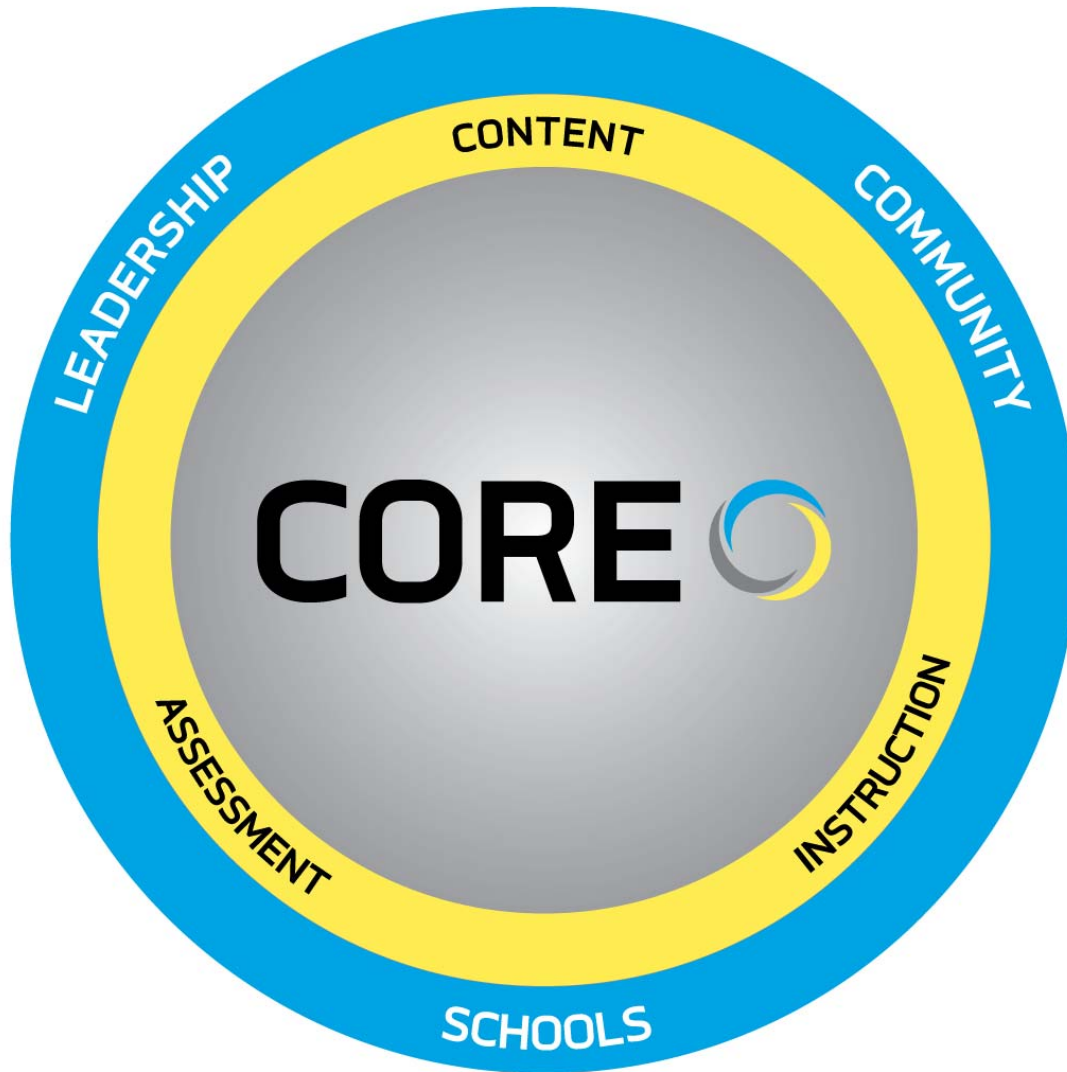
Assessment

- Iowa Testing Program aligned
- Formative assessment for instruction

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21st Century Skills

- Civic Literacy
- Financial Literacy
- Technology Literacy
- Health Literacy
- Employability Skills

Benefits to Our Students

- Ensures that students will grasp big ideas
- Moves students to deep conceptual and procedural knowledge
- Provides students opportunities to learn rigorous, robust content through effective instruction
- Enhances student engagement by involving students in interesting, relevant learning experiences



Right Work, Right Time,
Right People

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